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1. The East German budget for 1953 has provisions for the establishment of three separate army corps, which will have been formed by the end of 1953. Each corps will have an approximate strength of 40,000 men, who will be organized into two rifle divisions and one mechanized division.
2. One corps, the "Rentsch Corps," already exists, and contains a Heavy tank regiment and a medium tank regiment with about ninety tanks each.¹
3. Of the 24 existing Bereitschaften, nine are already earmarked to form the basis of divisions. The remaining 15 will be expanded and incorporated into two new corps. Thus, by the end of 1952, the army will be composed of three corps consisting of nine divisions totalling 135,000 men. This figure does not include training schools which will continue in their present form.²

1. [] **Comment:** Since no deliveries of heavy tanks to the Volkspolizei are known, the existence of a heavy tank regiment is doubtful.
2. [] **Comment:** The figure given for tanks in the Rentsch Corps appears to be too high. This may be accounted for, however, by the inclusion of training tanks. The discrepancy of 15,000 men in the total of the three corps is perhaps to be explained by the inclusion of headquarters and army troops.

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